

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR
PARKS AND LANDS COMMITTEE
GIBRALTAR TOWN CENTER
TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2024
MINUTES**

Approved: July 16, 2024

Call to Order: Chair Buske called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

Members Present: Buske stated that a quorum of the committee was present. Laurie Buske, John Lancaster, Andrea Kinsey-Jauquet, and Patty Dixon. Jayson Merkle not present.
Also Present: Administrator Travis Thyssen.

Proper Notice/Adopt Agenda: Buske confirmed the agenda had been properly noticed. *Motion: (Kinsey-Jauquet/Lancaster to adopt the agenda as posted. Carried.*

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) *Motion: (Kinsey-Jauquet/Lancaster) to approve minutes of April 23, 2024 as amended to reflect approval of purchase of mutt mitts. Carried.* After meeting Clerk noted mutt mitt purchase was approved at March 19, 2024 meeting. April 23, 2024 minutes will be represented at July 16, 2024 meeting.

Public Comment: None

Reports:

Invasive Species: Lancaster requested a Dames Rocket pull Tuesday, June 25 at 10 a.m. at Fish Creek Park. The date and time will be posted on Town Facebook page.

Gardens: Buske reported the gardens are doing great and all plants are thriving.

Lighthouse: Sharon Zellner provided a detailed written report on status of cistern, painting of lighthouse, status of the well, interior bulletin board updates, activities at the Lighthouse, visitors/trips updates and expense submissions. Zellner also reported on the Celebration of Life for Joel and Mary Ann Blahnik held May 26, 2024 and the Door County Maritime Museum Tour on June 8, 2024. Zellner also reported 4 people from UW-Stevens Point will be completing the 2nd half of their bird and vegetation study June 25-28.

Chair: Buske reported the stick pick up at Noble Square was huge success. Buske also reported on FOG event with 5th graders which included pulling Dames Rocket and garlic mustard and planting black cherry trees. Buske reported 4 benches placed at Noble Square, 1 at CI Lighthouse and 1 at Cemetery and 2 trees planted at Clark Park and Noble Square. Kinsey-Jauquet and Dixon planted a dozen pine seedlings at Sunset Park. She mentioned the waterfowl no feeding ordinance.

CIF Grant - eBike: Jeff Drajssek presented information on Friend's steps to implement eBike program, status of grant applications and possible partnership with other municipalities. Looking

for input from Parks and Lands as to partnership in eBike program. Judy Korte, Sharon Zellner and Linda Merline spoke in response to Chair's request for public comment/feedback. Committee members and public discussed pros and cons, locations, logistics and possibility of pilot program. The group was in favor of a minimal approach to begin. Thyssen advised need to get Board permission to write grant if Parks and Lands is in support of eBike program. *Motion (Lancaster/Kinsey-Jauquet) to support Airport's and Town's effort for eBike grant and plan. Lancaster, Buske, Kinsey-Jauquet aye, Dixon nay. Carried.*

Fish Creek Park:

Schedule walk: Thyssen provided update on grant status and purchase of Redmann property. Committee walk-through scheduled for 7 am on Thursday June 27, 2024. Clerk or representative of Town will be present for walk-through.

Update on purchase: See above.

Conductivity option: The consideration for a gravel path through Fish Creek Park for ingress and egress for emergency vehicles and regular sanitary maintenance was discussed.

Waterfront Confirmation of Co-Op Meeting Response: Buske provided a written recap of Parks and Lands Committee's and Plan Commission's February 26, 2024 joint meeting and joint recommendation, which was previously presented to Board, in preparation for June 24, 2024 Midtown Land and Waterfront Rebuild Special Workshop. Public comment from Judy Korte and Linda Merline. Discussions regarding procedure and meeting of electors.

Flagpole for the OTH: Buske was contacted regarding a flagpole at the OTH by Steven Sohns who located a flagpole for OTH. The cost to outfit the pole and placement would be under \$1,000. Buske advised sufficient funds available for purchase. *Motion (Dixon/Kinsey-Jauquet) to place flagpole at Old Town Hall with costs not to exceed \$1,000. Carried.*

Update Goals for Parks: Buske explained the list of 5-year goals as well as the separate list of goals by park and the reason we need to start on it for the CORP and for the Parks and future grants. Committee members will update their respective lists and bring to next meeting.

Administrator Update, Maintenance Concerns: None.

Schedule Next Meeting: July 16, at 8:00 a.m.

Adjourn: *Motion: (Kinsey-Jauquet/Buske) to adjourn at 9:24 a.m. Carried*

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Reetz, Clerk